

SENATE BILL 558

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to physical education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Tom Cronan Physical Education Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1021(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(2) In addition to the integration of physical activity into the instruction school day according to subdivision (a)(1), each LEA shall require each student in elementary school to participate in a physical education class that meets at least two (2) times per full calendar week during the school year. The total physical education class time each full calendar week shall be no less than sixty (60) minutes. The physical education class shall be taught by a licensed teacher with an endorsement in physical education or a specialist in physical education. A student may be exempted from a required physical education class or a required activity in the physical education class, if the student's physician certifies in writing that the student's medical condition or disability prevents the student from participating in the physical education class or the activity. An LEA shall file an annual report, as required by the commissioner of education, verifying that it has met the physical education requirements of this subdivision (a)(2).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.